



TOWN OF WHITE SPRINGS

“On the Bank of the Suwannee River”

MINUTES

WHITE SPRINGS TOWN COUNCIL

Regular Council Meeting - Town Hall Council Chambers

Tuesday, November 15, 2022 – 6:30p.m.

- 1. Called to Order/ Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance - Mayor Rivers called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m. TC Ruise led the prayer as the council led the pledge thereafter.**
- 2. Roll Call –** Mayor Rivers called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Members present: Mayor Rivers, Vice-Mayor Jacqueline Williams, Councilor Nicole Williams and Councilor Mary Berry. Absent: Councilor LaRita McCallum.
- 3. Additions, Deletions, and/or Amendments to the Agenda –** Mayor Rivers added to New Business 8.a. Breakfast with Santa by Councilor Nicole Williams. Mayor Rivers called for a motion to accept the additions to the agenda and adding 8.a. to New Business. Vice-Mayor J. Williams moved to accept the additions and Councilor Mary Berry seconded. Motion passed 4-0.
- 4. Citizens from the floor:** (request form needed- 5 min. limit)

Beth Daniels - Ms. Daniels asked when would the new website be up. TM George told her as soon as the old web host returns our new web host we will launch. So the town is looking at launching very soon. Ms. Daniels also asked who was the town's IT company. TM George answered that EPIC IT was the new tech company for the town.

5. **Presentations:** CivCom/Tobacco Free Hamilton/Shauga Adams - Ms. Adams called to cancel the presentation and asked that the youth be placed on December's agenda.
6. **Approval of Minutes:** October 11, 2022 – Town Hall Meeting – Mayor Rivers asked for a motion to accept the minutes. Vice-Mayor J. Williams made the motion and Councilor Mary Berry seconded. Motion passed 4-0.
7. **Old Business –**

- a) **Veteran's Day Program - November 11, 2022** - Mayor Rivers announced that this year's program was canceled by the state due to weather watch. Mayor Rivers stated that the program would be placed on 2023 calendar.
- b) **SRLC Board/Dinner Meeting - November 17, 2022** - Mayor Rivers stated that the meeting would be hosted by the town. Meeting will be held at the Stephen Foster SP Auditorium.
- c) **Christmas Parade - December 9, 2022** - Mayor Rivers stated that the parade fliers were on the back table for pick up. Line-up is at 4:30p.m. and the parade will begin at 6:00p.m. The town will serve chili, hot dogs, and hot cocoa. Mayor Rivers called for another motion for the parade. Vice-Mayor J. Williams moved to accept the additions and Councilor Mary Berry seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

8. **New Business –**

- a) **Breakfast with Santa** – Councilor N. Williams stated that she wanted to host the event this year, as the town has done it in previous years. Town personnel stated that a community citizen called to host the event on December 3, 2022 from 10:00a.m. to 12:00 noon. Councilor Williams will call for more information and present it at the next meeting. The council did not vote on this agenda item addition.

9. **Departmental/Administrative Comments**

- a) **Public** - None

- b) **Departments:**

Town Manager Vanessa George – TM George stated that she had an amendment #3 from Mittauer & Associates for signatures needed from the Mayor, Attorney, and Town Clerk concerning the SRF. Amendment is attached. TM George asked for the council to vote on the amendment and signatures. The council voted unanimously 4-0 to accept the motion for signatures.

Utilities Director Ray Vaughn – Overview of the Utilities Director's presentation is attached.

Fire Department Chief Steve Stith – stated that the county met gain and the town has not reviewed or signed a contract and that he would keep the town manager posted on all information concerning the fire department. He is also looking to sign two more fire fighters in the coming weeks.

- c) **Council** - Mayor Rivers stated that the council needed to have a planning meeting for the events in March and May. The council voted to have the meeting on January 5, 2022 at 6:00p.m.

Adjourn: 7:45p.m.

IF A PERSON DECIDES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE BY THE TOWN COUNCIL, WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT THIS MEETING, THAT PERSON WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS, AND FOR SUCH PURPOSE THAT PERSON MAY NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) PERSONS NEEDING SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS SHOULD CONTACT THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE NOT LATER THAN THREE DAYS PRIOR TO THE MEETING.

Town Manager, Town Clerk, or Designee

Vanessa George, Town Manager – Audre' J. Ruise, Town Clerk

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